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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed January 30, 2006. Claims 2-10 and 21-23 remain pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's statement in the previous Office Action in which claims 21-23 have been allowed and claim 9 has been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In that it is believed that every rejection has been overcome, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims that remains in the case is presently in condition for allowance.

In particular, claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1, and claims 2-8 have been amended to depend from claim 9. Therefore, it is believed that claims 2-9 should be allowed. Also, claim 10 has been amended to include similar features as claim 9. Therefore, it is believed that claim 10 should be allowed.

Claims 1 and 11-20 are canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer, and therefore, the rejection to these claims are rendered moot. Applicants take this action merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicants so choose, and do not intend to dedicate any of the canceled subject matter to the public.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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